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<b>For:</b> A METHOD OF STRUCTURING A CREDIT HAVING A REPAYMENT OBLIGATION	

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 18, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 18, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The May 18, 2007 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by August 18, 2007. August 18, 2007 was a Saturday and August 19, 2007 was a Sunday. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed on Monday, August 20, 2007.